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In re Application of:)
Ralf OTTO et al.) Group Art Unit: 1743
Application No.: 09/551,581) Examiner: Patricia K. Bex
Filed: April 18, 2000)
For: CLOSURE APPLIANCE FOR)
REAGENT CONTAINER)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action of October 8, 2002, a request for a three month extension of time being filed herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 7, fourth full paragraph, please amend to read:

The reagent-container stopper (13) is opened and closed by the plunger (11), which moves relative to the reagent container (12). The plunger (11) engages on a catch (15) on the stopper (13) to be opened, and opens the lid (14) at a predetermined position. The reagent container (12) moves relative to the plunger (11) on the reagent-

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